

FORM PTO 1390 (REV 9-2001)		U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE		ATTORNEY'S DOCKET NUMBER 27392/22890
TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US) CONCERNING A FILING UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371		U.S. APPLICATION NO. (If known, see 37 CFR 1.5) <b>10108971</b>		
INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. PCT/EP00/09565	INTERNATIONAL FILING DATES 29 September 2000	PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED 1 October 1999		
TITLE OF INVENTION ELEMENTS TO BE LINKED BY MEANS OF A SCREW CONNECTION, ESPECIALLY ELEMENTS OF A MEDICAL INSTRUMENT				
APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US Gerd Löhn				
<p>Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:</p> <p><i>PRIORITY PAPER AW 3-21-03</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This is a <b>FIRST</b> submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.</li> <li>2. <input type="checkbox"/> This is a <b>SECOND</b> or <b>SUBSEQUENT</b> submission of items concerning a filing 35 U.S.C. 371.</li> <li>3. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This is an express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371 (f)). The submission must include items (5), (6), (9) and (21) indicated below.</li> <li>4. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The US has been elected by the expiration of 19 months from the priority date (PCT Article 31).</li> <li>5. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(2)) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. <input type="checkbox"/> is attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).</li> <li>b. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> has been communicated by the International Bureau.</li> <li>c. <input type="checkbox"/> is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US).</li> </ul> </li> <li>6. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(2)) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> is attached hereto.</li> <li>b. <input type="checkbox"/> has been previously submitted under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).</li> </ul> </li> <li>7. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(3)) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. <input type="checkbox"/> are attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).</li> <li>b. <input type="checkbox"/> have been communicated by the International Bureau.</li> <li>c. <input type="checkbox"/> have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired.</li> <li>d. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> have not been made and will not be made.</li> </ul> </li> <li>8. <input type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(3)).</li> <li>9. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(4)).</li> <li>10. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the annexes to the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(5)).</li> </ul> <p><b>Items 11 to 20 below concern document(s) or information included:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>11. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98.</li> <li>12. <input type="checkbox"/> An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included.</li> <li>13. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A <b>FIRST</b> preliminary amendment.</li> <li>14. <input type="checkbox"/> A <b>SECOND</b> or <b>SUBSEQUENT</b> preliminary amendment.</li> <li>15. <input type="checkbox"/> A substitute specification.</li> <li>16. <input type="checkbox"/> A change of power of attorney and/or address letter.</li> <li>17. <input type="checkbox"/> A computer-readable form of the sequence listing in accordance with PCT Rule 13ter.2 and 35 U.S.C. 1.821 - 1.825.</li> <li>18. <input type="checkbox"/> A second copy of the published international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).</li> <li>19. <input type="checkbox"/> A second copy of the English language translation of the international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).</li> <li>20. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other items or information: Return receipt postal card</li> </ul>				

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21. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The following fees are submitted:		<b>CALCULATIONS</b> PTO USE ONLY									
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<b>ENTER APPROPRIATE BASIC FEE AMOUNT =</b>		\$ 890.00									
Surcharge of \$ _____ for furnishing the oath or declaration later than <input type="checkbox"/> 20 <input type="checkbox"/> 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492 (e)).		\$									
CLAIMS	NUMBER FILED	NUMBER EXTRA	RATE								
Total claims	18-20 =	0	x \$ 0.00								
Independent claims	3-3 =	0	x \$ 0.00								
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM(s) (if applicable)		+	\$								
<b>TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS =</b>		\$ 890.00									
<input type="checkbox"/> Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. The fees indicated above are reduced by ½.		\$									
<b>SUBTOTAL =</b>		\$ 890.00									
Processing fee of \$ _____ for furnishing the English translation later than <input type="checkbox"/> 20 <input type="checkbox"/> 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492 (f)). +		\$									
<b>TOTAL NATIONAL FEE =</b>		\$									
Fee for recording the enclosed assignment (37 CFR 1.21 (h)). Assignment must be accompanied by appropriate cover sheet (37 CFR 3.28, 3.31) ( _____ per property).		\$									
<b>TOTAL FEES ENCLOSED =</b>		\$ 890.00									
		<b>Amount to be Refunded:</b>	\$								
		<b>Charged:</b>	\$								
a. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A check in the amount of \$ 890.00 to cover the above fees is enclosed. b. <input type="checkbox"/> Please charge my Deposit Account No. _____ in the amount of \$ _____ to cover the above fees. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed. c. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required or credit any overpayment to my Deposit Account No. 13-2855. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.											
<b>NOTE: Where an appropriate time limit under 37 CFR 1.494 or 1.495 has not been met, a petition to revive (37 CFR 1.137 (a) or (b)) must be filed and granted to restore the application to pending status.</b>											
SEND ALL CORRESPONDENCE TO:											
James P. Zeller MARSHALL, GERSTEIN & BORUN 233 S. Wacker Drive 6300 Sears Tower Chicago, Illinois 60606-6357 (312) 474-6300		SIGNATURE 	James P. Zeller (28,491)								
		NAME/REGISTRATION NUMBER	April 1, 2002								
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U.S. National Phase of ) MEANS OF A SCREW CONNECTION,  
PCT/EP00/09565 filed ) ESPECIALLY ELEMENTS OF A MEDICAL  
September 29, 2000 ) INSTRUMENT  
Filed: Herewith ) Group Art Unit: To be assigned  
 ) Examiner: To be assigned

**CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.10**

I hereby certify that the attached six items (a) through (f) are being deposited with the United States Postal Service on April 1, 2002, in a postage-paid envelope addressed to Commissioner for Patents, Box PCT, Washington, D.C. 20231 utilizing the "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" service of the United States Postal Service under Mailing Label No. EV027097467US.

- (a) Transmittal letter to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) concerning a filing Under 35 U.S.C. §371;
- (b) Application, including 18 sheets of description, five sheets of claims, one sheet abstract, and three sheets of drawings;
- (c) Preliminary amendment;
- (d) Declaration;
- (e) Information disclosure statement with Form PTO-1449 and cited documents; and
- (f) International Search Report and International Preliminary Examination Report.

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